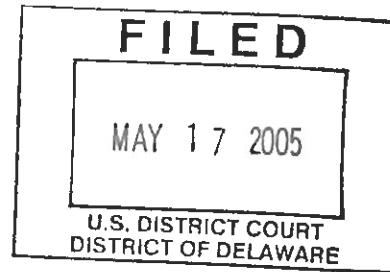


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

IN RE:)	Chapter 7
NIXON FORK MINING, INC., et al.,)	Bankr. Case No. 99-2379 (JFK)
Debtors.)	
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MESPELT & ALMASY MINING CO.,)	
et al.,)	
Appellants,)	Civil Action No. 04-1524 GMS
v.)	
JEOFFREY L. BURTCH, TRUSTEE,)	
Appellee.)	
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ORDER

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Standing Order of the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, dated July 23, 2004, the above-captioned bankruptcy appeal was referred to mediation on December 29, 2004; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2005, Connor Bifferato, mediator for the parties to the above-captioned appeal, filed a letter (D.I. 6) informing the court that the appeal could not be resolved through mediation and requesting the court to advise the parties of a briefing schedule;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The appellants shall file an opening brief to the appeal, according to the format set forth in the local rules of the District of Delaware, no later than

May 31, 2005.

2. The appellee shall file an answering brief, according to the format set forth in the local rules of the District of Delaware, no later than
June 15, 2005.

3. The appellants shall file a reply brief, according to the format set forth in the local rules of the District of Delaware, no later than
June 25, 2005.

Dated: May 16, 2005



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